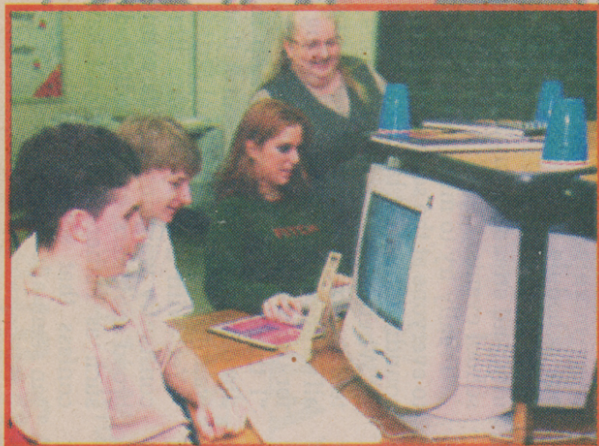
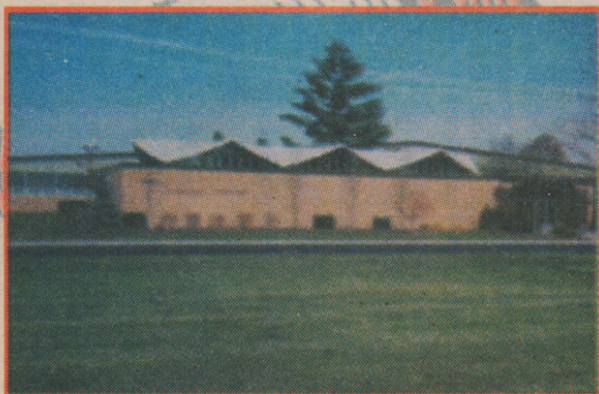


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Father Stites offers Stritch guiding hands toward the future

By Jeffrey D. Norwalk
Special to The Press

"God is my helper."

Father John F. Stites was only a boy when he first learned the meaning of those four words.

Yet, their message left such a divine impression on the boy that he would ultimately go on to become a man.

A man of God.

Today that man is lending his own helping hands to a new generation of young people attending Cardinal Stritch High School, where he teaches them of the light in those same four words, while they prepare for their futures in an often dark world.

"That's certainly the reason why we at Cardinal Stritch exist," offers Father Stites, the Pastor and President of the Catholic High School since July of 1997.

"Our mission in life is to nurture a high standard of both spiritual and academic excellence in our children," he continues.

"Indeed, I was a very young boy when those values were instilled in me."

A native of Defiance, Ohio, Father Stites spent his impressionable years in the classrooms of St. John's Elementary School, where like many of the boys his age, he filled the long days with personal daydreams about the priesthood.

"I guess you could say the Lord just spoke to me one day," he explains of the divine intervention that at once both flooded warm light into his wandering mind, illuminating the path he was destined to travel.

"God showed me my way in life, and in turn I want to give something back," said Father Stites. "I pray that this is something I am doing successfully here at Stritch today."

Indeed, giving back to God is something he has been doing tirelessly at Cardinal Stritch now for nearly two decades.

Appointed to the school as its new Associate Principal in the fall of 1982 by Bishop James Hoffman, Father Stites has watched many new school years come and go, while steadily playing a variety of crucial roles unto an ever-evolving student body.

Throughout his tenure at Stritch, he has also served the high school as a football coach, a theology teacher, a mentor, a friend, and most recently the Pastor President.

And while he does take his station as the school's chief administrative officer very seriously, this humble man from St. John's Elementary School is still in many ways that same young boy at heart.

Fittingly, both the man and the boy within him seem to delight in the role of friend the most.

"Every day here I receive the greatest

gift of all," explains Father Stites. "Each morning I get another chance to just be around these kids, and to get to know each one of them."

"In return, I strive to make a positive impact on all of their lives," he continues. "I look forward to watching them develop into the intelligent, spiritual men and women they will need to be to succeed in this world."

"That's certainly why I still choose to teach freshman theology."

Even so, one must wonder how Father Stites himself manages to succeed in achieving any real serenity in his busy world. After all, he fills each waking day with a whirlwind of activities that most often commences at 5:30 every morning, and includes a vigorous schedule of praying, conducting Mass, teaching religion, counseling faculty, and attending any number of after school events.

"I really try to make myself available to everyone at the school," he said, not sounding the least bit out of breath.

"Whether it be the students, the teachers or the coaches, I like to show all of them my support by being here for them when they need me," he said. "I think it's an important step in the direction of the excellence that we want to achieve at Cardinal Stritch."

Yet, with a heavy mission like this constantly weighing on his seemingly broad shoulders, even a dedicated man such as Father Stites would have to confess that sometimes the pleasure can seem a lot like business.

For certainly, even a high school like Cardinal Stritch, with its proud traditions and commitments to excellence, could not have always soared through these high times that Father John Stites speaks so fondly of today. Not in these modern times. Not facing the modern adversities that come along with them.

"Well, sure," admits the Pastor President. "Like any place in life, it hasn't always been blue skies at Stritch."

In truth, as early as the fall of 1961, while the high school prepared to open its doors for the first time to potential students living within Oregon and most hopefully areas beyond, the grim, dark clouds began to descend upon the grand event.

"That was the year something called the East Side Rule was established by the Bishop," elaborates Father Stites. "This rule stated that any student living west of the Maumee River and who was interested in attending a Catholic high school must attend Central Catholic. By contrast, Stritch would receive all of the kids living on the river's East Side."

"Well, already this school was at a great disadvantage because at the time Catholicism east of the Maumee was on decline," he said.

Even the new school's mighty coat of arms, with the fearless cardinal



"Our mission in life is to nurture a high standard of both spiritual and academic excellence in our children," said Father Stites, the Pastor and President of the Catholic High School since July 1997. (Photo by Pat Eaken)

perched atop it like a guardian angel staving off evil, could not shield Stritch from the adversity that crippled it at its birth.

Due to a low student enrollment, Cardinal Stritch High School struggled with clipped wings for many years to come.

Then, in the early 1980s, after a little over two decades of being grounded, it would seem that divine intervention would play a role in the high school's history once again. Ironically, that is the decade that Father Stites would arrive at the school himself.

Although he would probably modestly credit the already existing staff's unwavering dedication to the school and the education of those students it did have, one thing is for certain. Cardinal Stritch and Father Stites have been a match made in Heaven.

"We have to be thankful that the people involved with Cardinal Stritch during the good times and bad have never lost site of the school's true mission," he says quietly.

"And we have to be thankful to the Bishop for lifting the East Side Rule in the late 1980s," he said. "After the rule was abolished, we watched our enrollment begin to soar."

The school has continued to soar on its mission consistently ever since. Not only has the high school's student enrollment continued to gradually increase since the 80s, but its music department and athletic programs have begun to flourish as well.

"We are currently enjoying vast improvements in the area of athletics," said Father Stites.

"In the near future we are going to be taking part in a physical fitness program with brand new exercise equipment to be installed off our Lincoln Wing, which was built in the late 70s for our wrestling program."

Certainly, if these kinds of strides are

any indicators of the direction that Cardinal Stritch is dedicated in taking its future, then there should be no problem attracting the continuing attendance of the world's future leaders. The children.

Though Father Stites is quick to let all potential students know that his school's coursework has a heavier academic demand to go along with it, as all students have to pass all of their classes in order to graduate.

"I have every confidence that the caliber of kids that we get here can handle our curriculum," he said.

"Last year's graduating class is a heavy indicator of that," he continues. "Not only did 100% of them pass every course, but 100% of them went on to study at two to four year colleges."

"We see some outstanding kids go through here," he says proudly.

One such outstanding kid that Father Stites had the pleasure of teaching and knowing during his time as a student at Cardinal Stritch is none other than Genoa native and Los Angeles Kings hockey star, Bryan Smolinski.

"He was a great young man in every way," relates Father Stites. "He was a standout with us not only athletically, but also academically and spiritually."

"I just saw Bryan last year," he continues, reminiscing about the honor bestowed upon him by the L.A. King himself, when Smolinski asked the Father to baptize his baby.

"That's one of the things that is the most fulfilling about my job," he said. "Getting to see the kids again and again."

"It's truly gratifying when the alumni come back to Stritch repeatedly because they realize that they have found such a comfortable place," he concludes.

And for sure, Father Stites has found many places himself in this life. Some have been more comfortable than others. Through his destined missions from God, he has truly witnessed both darkness and light.

In the summer of 1964, he was drafted by the U.S. Army, and shipped into the horrors of the Vietnam War, when he served his nation far away from the small city of Defiance, Ohio in An Khe, Vietnam.

Upon returning home, he rekindled his passion for just being one of the kids when he took a job driving bus for Defiance Public Schools.

He later directed that passion into his life's direction when he enrolled into Defiance College's Education Program, from which he graduated in 1970 with a bachelor of science degree in education.

He has studied God's word at both the Athenaeum of Ohio and the American College, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium.

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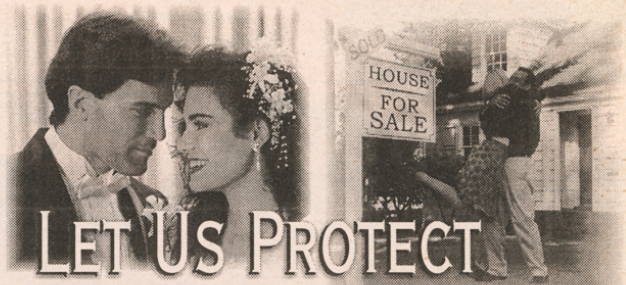
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Members of the first class of students Cardinal Stritch High School-Class of 1965

History: Studied (and made) at Cardinal Stritch

By Tammy Walro
Press Staff Writer

1960 was a big year for Catholics, both nationally and east of the Maumee River.

Locally, they were watching as John F. Kennedy campaigned to become the first — and only — Catholic ever to be elected President of the United States in the upcoming November 8 election.

And on Sept. 21, 1960, Bishop George J. Rehring turned the first spadeful of earth as ground was broken for Cardinal Stritch High School, the first Catholic high school in Lucas County east of the Maumee River and the first co-educational Catholic high school anywhere in the Toledo area.

"You are standing in an open field where in due time a school will open its doors; you are standing on God's soil where school will be built for God's children," said then-Rev. Michael J. Walz.

Cardinal Samuel Stritch, for whom the school is named, served as Toledo's second bishop from 1921-1930. He went on to serve as the Archbishop of Milwaukee and then served as the Archbishop of Chicago. He died in 1958, shortly after being appointed to head the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

Cardinal Stritch's name was selected for the new high school because he was always known for his zeal for Catholic education, having founded Mary Manse College, several high schools and a number of elementary schools.

The tri-level high school was designed by architects Bellman, Gullett & Richards and was constructed on a 20-acre site at Pickle and Coy roads in Oregon. The school was designed to have four sections joined by parallel corridors and required more fill for its preparation than digging. The concrete shell of the chapel was designed by Navin Pandya, an India-born architect.

"Great expectations are held out for the Cardinal Stritch High School," Bishop George J. Rehring of the Toledo Catholic Diocese said at the building's blessing and dedication in the fall of 1961.

"Like all Catholic high schools," he said, "it will aim to give its students a complete, balanced secondary education, emphasizing academic subjects with reasonable attention to physical development, athletics and extra-curricular activities."

In all, about 200 students made up the freshmen-only first class that fall. All of them were from locations east of the Maumee River in accordance with

the so-called "River Rule" of the Toledo Catholic Diocese.

The rule, which remained in effect until dwindling east side population led to its abandonment in the late 1980s, required students west of the Maumee River who wished to attend Catholic high school to go to Central Catholic High.

The first student to register at Cardinal Stritch was Bob Molnar of Oregon, who would later become the Most Valuable Player of the boys basketball team for the 1964-65 season, his senior year. In 2001, Molnar — who was also a star pitcher for the high school baseball team and threw a no-hitter at Clay High in 1965 — was inducted into the Cardinal Stritch Hall of Fame.

He and the students who entered the new school in 1961 had to move around workers from the school's builder, John Naumann & Sons Construction Co., who was completing finishing touches.

There were only 11 teachers that first year — three priests, four Sylvania Franciscan Sisters and four lay teachers.

The school had a cafeteria that seated 400 students, a gym accommodating about 1,700 and a chapel that would hold 300. But because there was no convent the first two years, the four nuns used vacant classrooms in the English wing of the school as living quarters until the convent was finished.

In its second year, the school expanded rapidly and both student and faculty enrollment grew 100 percent. Expansion continued the next two years until the school was finally a full high school with freshmen through senior classes in the 1964-65 school year. By then, the faculty had increased to about 40.

"They moved ahead, faculty initiating modern teaching methods, students taking a more active voice in school government, and parents backing the Stritch activities," the Existence, the school's first yearbook, reported in 1965.

Editor-in-chief Linda Stearns and her staff, with the assistance of adviser Jim Kwiatkowski, had to cover four years of school life with its publication. The edition was dedicated largely to the first senior graduating class "with the realization of the significance they hold."

"The first class to enter the doors of the school in 1961 — [was] impulsive — eager to do their part in building a school that they would be proud to call

their alma mater..." the yearbook noted.

Indeed.

The students — even more so than the faculty, the administration, and their parents — made Cardinal Stritch a high school.

"The fact that they never had any upper-classmen to follow did not hamper the Class of '65 activity-wise," the yearbook noted. "Though the students had to work constantly to organize themselves into a working unit, they soon were able to independently and capably arrange projects."

Art classes under the direction of Sister Jane Mary created and erected the Stations of the Cross for the school chapel in 1962.

That same year, the first cheerleaders were chosen for the reserve teams and the Cardinal Stritch Band was organized. Gerard Lonsway directed the band, which performed at football games, area parades, and concerts. A smaller pep band performed at basketball games and assemblies.

The school newspaper, *Essence*, was founded in December 1963, thanks to the efforts of Sister Mary Germain. Top students in the junior English classes comprised the initial staff; journalism classes eventually took over responsibility for the publication. The name "Essence" was selected from a vote of the newspaper staff and means "significance, substance, importance."

In 1964, the first junior prom was held at the Globe Motel. Pat Balasz was crowned queen. Other royalty included Mike Fejes, Charlotte Testa, Bill Geha, Barbara Kiss, and Dave McDaniel.

The first spring play was presented April 2-4, 1964. "Check Your Worries," a three-act musical based on life in the small town of Hartsville, Idaho, was directed by Mary Ann Sadler. The next year, *Bye Bye Birdie* was the spring play.

Color Day, an annual celebration where students decorate their home-rooms in a pride competition, took on special meaning in 1964 as it brought the selection of the first Stritch Football Queen. Senior football players nominated a dozen young ladies for queen and the senior class voted for the five finalists. The top vote-getter would be queen.

At halftime of the home football game against Lake, Linda Stearns, who was also editor of the school yearbook, was named the first football queen. Her court of attendants included Pat Balasz, Cathy Gabel, Mary Ann Romstadt, and Sue Sheehan. After the game — which ended with a Cardinal

Stritch win — the "Royalty in Red" dance was held at the school.

Student Council, which oversaw the student participation and class decisions, won the Sportsmanship Award from the Toledo Area Student Council of area high schools in Cardinal Stritch's first year in the organization.

The students formed a variety of clubs over the years, including the Mission Club, Girls Glee Club, Servers and Readers Club (for the school chapel), Mixed Chorus, Latin Club, Camera Club, Science Club, Future Librarians, Future Nurses, Future Teachers, Future Business Leaders of America, Art Club, Girls Athletic Association, and the Varsity S and Pep clubs. The latter two were added in 1965.

Although founded as a co-educational facility, young men and women were for many years separated in different wings of the school with co-educational classes held in the center sections.

In the early 1970s, the separate wings were integrated and all classes became co-educational. The Lincoln Wing was added to the west side of the gym area in 1975-76 for the wrestling program and to provide space for weight-lifting equipment used by both athletes and students alike.

The high school's first full computer laboratory was installed in 1985 and followed four years later by a computer networking system that included tutorial and instructional software.

The chapel was renovated in 1991 through a gift from the Fitzpatrick family; the Patrick and Marilyn McAlear Library was dedicated in 1994 through similar family generosity.

In the fall of 1996, the Robert L. Fondessy Technology Center was dedicated and equipped with numerous computers. Additional computer and technology improvements, as well as upgrades to the lockers, corridors, landscaping, gym floor and other parts of the building have been made in recent years.

Besides physical improvements, Cardinal Stritch has had several leadership changes over the years.

Monsignor Walz, the high school's first principal, was succeeded as principal by Rev. John Thomas, Rev. Frank Nieset, Sister Mary Louis de Montfort (the first and only Nun and formerly the school's physics teacher), Rev. Frank Murr, and Rev. Robert Yeager.

Bishop James R. Hoffman appointed Rev. John F. Stites as the first pastor and president of Cardinal Stritch effective

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Four decades later, a pair of Stritch pioneers

By Tammy Walro
Press Staff Writer

It goes without saying that a great, great deal can change in 40 years. Just think of the many things that are an integral part of daily life today (ATMS, cell phones, personal computers and the Internet to name a few) that would have seemed unimaginable back in 1961 when the first students and teachers walked through the doors of the new Cardinal Stritch High School.

Although much has changed, and generations of students have come and gone at Stritch in the school's 40-year history, a couple of "pioneers" still remain from that inaugural year.

Sister M. Rose Angela Muskala was among the 11 teachers there to welcome the first incoming freshmen — the only class that would occupy the building that school year. She taught at Stritch until 1964, when she was transferred to Detroit, and was overjoyed to return to Oregon in 1973.

Today, Sister's smiling face is still gracing the school's classrooms, although at the age of 76, she has withdrawn from teaching. She spends her days tutoring, supervising study halls and helping out wherever she can, she said. Among her first students was young Robert Reynolds, a ninth-grader from East Toledo, who probably didn't imagine that 40 years later, he would still be heading to Cardinal Stritch for school every morning. Reynolds, who has been on the staff at Stritch since the fall of 1970, teaches pre-engineering graphics.

In a recent interview, the pair offered a few recollections of the school's early days, and their thoughts on how things have changed over the past four decades.

For Sister Rose Angela, and the three other "pioneer nuns" (Sister Amata, Sister Jeanne Marie and Sister Jane Mary), Stritch's beginning days posed some unique challenges. "We lived in the English wing of the building at the time," she said. "So we cooked on hotplates, and used the shower facilities in the girls locker room."

Sister recalled one particular evening when she and two of the other sisters were making their way down the corridor to the locker room. "It was dark, and we kept the lights off, so no one from the outside could see us walking through the halls in our kimonos," she recalled. "Well, I was sure I heard something and then I saw these eyes in the dark looking at us — we all screamed and ran back to our quarters."

"Here, the young male athletes had come back from a game, and didn't want to disturb or startle us, so they were making their way in quietly," she



Sister M. Rose Angela Muskala and Bob Reynolds were among Cardinal Stritch "pioneers"—there for the opening of the school in 1961. Sister was among the 11 teachers there to welcome the first incoming freshmen, which included young Reynolds, a ninth-grader from East Toledo. Today, Sister tutors and supervises study halls; Reynolds teaches pre-engineering graphics. (Photo by Pat Eaken)

recalled.

Throughout her tenure at Stritch, Sister taught Algebra I and basic math, having to run back and forth between the separate male and female wings in the school's early days. "I enjoyed being in the classroom — I still do and hope to continue to work with the students as long as I can," she said.

"However, all things considered, I'm glad that I'm not a teenager today," she said. "They have tremendous opportunities and advantages, but they also have a great deal of pressure and stress."

"Television, movies and the media have a big effect on youths today," she said. "I think they have a somewhat different idea of what respect is, it's as if some think they're on the same level as their parents or teachers. But, all in all, the students here have always been good to me — I think the key is also in the way you treat them."

"And academically, even with computers and other technology, students today definitely have to work harder to succeed because of changes in the curriculum and higher expectations from colleges and the workplace."

"In addition to their studies, many also are involved in extra-curricular activities and hold down jobs after school," she said. "They really don't have the chance to enjoy themselves, to be teenagers."

"Families are different today, too," Sister said. "Many children are being raised in single-parent families,

and even in two-parent families, often both parents are working, and they just don't have as much time to be as involved with their children's lives."

"I think that makes it even more important that we, at school be prepared to listen to the students," she said. "Being a Catholic school, we are able to incorporate values, prayer and morals not only in religion classes, but throughout the curriculum."

For instance, as the tragic events of September 11 unfolded, Stritch students, like their counterparts throughout the area and the nation, were riveted to the television, watching live coverage from New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C., Sister said.

"None of us could believe what was happening," Sister Rose Angela said. "We did the only thing we could — we prayed."

"Back when I was in eighth grade, my parents told me that I would be going to this new high school that would be opening up in Oregon," Bob Reynolds recalled. "Now and then we would drive out there and look at the big hole in the ground — it was neat to watch the building go up over the weeks and months."

"Although at the time we didn't know any differently, the first class of freshmen would be unique," he said. "All the way through our freshman through senior years, we didn't have any upperclassmen over us, and I think that made us, along with the next few classes that came in, very close. I think

that's when the sense of 'Stritch family' really began."

After actively participating in Stritch sports and other school activities, Reynolds headed off to college and a year of teaching in Fremont. In 1970, he came back to Stritch to teach drafting and architectural design.

Reynolds, who said he remembers being in Sister Rose Angela's math classes, recalls those first faculty meetings after being hired at Stritch. "For a little while, it was a bit intimidating sitting across from Sister Rose Angela as her colleague. Add to that, a number of my other teachers were also still there at the time," he said.

Thirty-two years later, Reynolds is still at Stritch, mainly because "the school offers a unique kind of closeness and support, a 'family atmosphere' both to the students and faculty," he said.

"And, we have a lot of really good kids here," he said. "They know their parents are making tremendous sacrifices to pay the tuition to send them here. However like all teenagers, they're being raised in a society with different values and pressures than we faced."

"For example, when I was a senior, you could look out in the parking lot and see 10 or 12 cars; now the majority of seniors are driving their own cars, which many of them work and pay for themselves," he said. "On top of that, they have to work harder to get good grades — I agree with Sister, it's a lot of pressure and they don't get to just be kids for very long."

Although he wasn't there when the school opened, Tim Mahoney, has been on the Stritch staff for 23 years, as a teacher and the first lay principal, appointed in 1997. He echoes his colleagues' sentiments, that teens today face different stresses and challenges than their parents did.

"On the whole, I don't think that kids are really any different today," he said. "But here at Cardinal Stritch, we're struggling to even things out for them in a world that almost opposes the values that we're trying to teach."

"We teach them Catholic values in every aspect of their education, not only in the classroom but through example of the teachers and staff," he said. "Hopefully, that's a foundation that will serve them the rest of their lives."

In addition to his responsibilities as principal, Mahoney teaches teaching advanced placement biology. "I would never give up classroom teaching," he said. "I enjoy it too much and it keeps me connected to the students, and what other teachers are facing in the classrooms."

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Current Hall of Fame members include:

1994 Inductees:

Martin Vieth - 1962-72

Martin Vieth served as head football coach, head track coach and assistant basketball coach at Cardinal Stritch from 1962-72; athletic director from 1966-72, and led the Fighting Cardinals to an overall 36-29-3 record on the gridiron.

Patrick Curley - Class of 1967

Patrick Curley played football his freshman and sophomore years at Cardinal Stritch; wrestled on the varsity team his freshman through senior years, earning a 24-3 record his senior year in wrestling; and was the first Cardinal Stritch State Wrestling champ when no high school divisions were recognized in 1967. He also played varsity golf his junior and senior years.

Richard Koschalk - Class of 1972

Richard Koschalk participated in varsity wrestling his sophomore through senior years (captain senior year); varsity football, being the first freshman to letter on the football team, serving as captain and earning all-city, all-district, all-state, most valuable player, Northwest Ohio Lineman of the Year honors and serving as Northstars representative in the North/South All Star Game. He went on to earn a varsity letter at the University of Michigan and to play professional football for several years.

Amy Cooley - Class of 1979

While a Cardinal Stritch student, Amy Cooley played volleyball her sophomore through senior years, earning all-city first team honors for two years. She also ran track her freshman through junior years; and played basketball freshman through senior years, serving as captain of the 1979 district champion basketball team (first-team all-state, named Stritch Most Valuable Player) and was named Toledo City League Player of the Year and Northwest Ohio Player of the Year. Cooley went on to play basketball at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and was named MAC player second-team in 1981.

Bryan Smolinski - Class of 1989

Bryan Smolinski played baseball his freshman through senior years, earning all-city first-team honors his junior and senior years and played championship hockey for Little Caesar's during his freshman and sophomore years. He attended Michigan State University on a hockey scholarship, serving as captain of the team his senior year. He later signed a contract to play professional hockey with the Boston Bruins in the National Hockey League in 1993.

1995 Inductees

Robert Flynn - Class of 1967

Bob Flynn earned six varsity letters while a student at Cardinal Stritch - two each for football, basketball and track. He went on to earn three varsity letters in football at The University of Toledo, serving on the undefeated teams in 1968, 1969 and 1970.

Walter Moore - Coaching

Wally Moore began as an assistant coach at Cardinal Stritch under Coach Marty Vieth from 1962-72. He coached from 1973 to 1975 under the leadership of Coach Mike Beier. From 1975 through the fall of 1980, he assisted Coach Tom Greer, and upon Coach Greer's departure, he continued to be an active member of the Stritch family. He remained active on the sidelines when Coach Ralph Orsini took over the reins in 1986 and Craig Smith followed in 1992. He was lauded for his involvement in every aspect of athletics and fundraising at Stritch.

Thomas and Alta (Momen) Rollins - Citizenship/Life Achievement

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rollins were honored for their support and involvement with the school since its inception. "While attending Knights of Columbus dinners, they constantly inquired of the Bishop as to when a Catholic High School would be built on the East Side. Once they learned that plans were underway for the building of the school, they canvassed their friends for funds and support for the project," a tribute at their induction read. The couple was not only successful in their efforts to help fund the building, they were also instrumental in the opening of the library, contributing for books and supplies as needed. Their support extended to the Stritch Endowment funds.

Sister M. Rose Angela Muskala - Academic/Vocational

Sister Rose Angela became involved at Cardinal Stritch in 1961 as one of the four pioneer sisters sent to begin the school. She taught only Algebra I and world history the first year, since there was only a freshman class at the time. After a subsequent transfer to Detroit, she was overjoyed to return to her "home" at Cardinal Stritch. "Sister Rose Angela's devotion to Cardinal Stritch High School cannot only be measured by her teaching, volunteering and attendance at sporting events, but also by the fact that she prays on a daily basis for the administration, parents, students, teachers, staff, maintenance workers and alumni of this wonderful institution," a tribute said. Sister's thoughts on Cardinal Stritch, "Thank God for its existence."

Robert A. Reynolds - Class of 1965

A member of the school's first graduating class, Reynolds was active in school activities from the start, participating in sports and school events. He played football in his freshman, sophomore and junior years and ran track and wrestled all four years. Upon graduation, he attended Bowling Green State University, and eventually took a position teaching drafting/architectural design at Cardinal Stritch. He also resumed his devotion to the school's sports program, coaching boys and girls cross country, wrestling and track. He also worked backstage for many of the school musicals and continues to serve the school and students whenever and however he can.

1996 Inductees

Eldo and Tomme Bergman

Mr. and Mrs. Eldo Bergman were feted for their support of the school in numerous capacities since the mid-1960s. "With nine of their 14 children attending Cardinal Stritch, their involvement spanned a time period of almost two decades," a 1996 tribute wrote. The couple demonstrated their support in many ways - she organized the first Cotillion, later known as the Champagne Steak Dinner; served on the school board and instructed students on the importance of culture in the form of opera. He was a longtime member of the Booster Club; a major contributor and financial sponsor of the Lincoln Wing, which provided additional space for the wrestling team; and was responsible for the repaving of the school parking lot.

Jess J. DeMaria - Class of 1977

While attending Cardinal Stritch, DeMaria was involved in numerous aspects of high school life. He was a member of the National Honor Society, participated in football, basketball and track (earning six varsity letters), and set many school records. In addition to his many sports honors, he was selected as First-Team All-City All-Academic as a senior, and graduated in the top 10 of his class. After graduation, he received a football scholarship from The University of Toledo and was a four-year member of the Rockets football team. He graduated summa cum laude in 1981 and went on to attend medical school at The Ohio State University; completed a three-year residency in internal medicine at The Ohio State University Hospitals; followed by a fellowship in dermatology.

Daniel B. Fitzpatrick - Class of 1975

While at Cardinal Stritch, Fitzpatrick was an honor student all four years. He was also involved in football, basketball and baseball and was on the "Expression" and "Existence" staffs, in addition to a number of other school activities. Involvement

Stritch Honors Alumni And Friends

Our Family



Fight Song

We are Card'nals shouting out a cheer
for famed Stritch High.
We are Card'nals winging far and wide
this vic'try cry.
We will fight with all our might
and soar to vic-to-ry.
We're the best of all the rest
the best we will be.
For we are fighting Card'nals shouting
out a cheer for Vic-to-ry - Fight!



Alma Mater

In our minds we see your glory,
Hearts so faithful looking back.
We revere you Alma Mater,
We salute the red and black.
Cardinal Stritch we fondly cherish
Brilliant red and solid black.

Love you give and love you ask for;
In return how much we lack.
Yet we pledge our love imperfect,
To the red and to the black.



with the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) and a club trip to a conference in Florida during his senior year gave him a start in the business world. He went on to graduate from The University of Toledo and moved up the corporate ladder from cleaning the parking lot and sweeping the floors at a local Burger King to becoming chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Quality Dining, Inc., one of the 100 largest companies in the United States.

Sister M. Florian O'Shesky, OSF

Sister Florian spent 26 years at Cardinal Stritch. Her experience took her from the chemistry lab to the Alumni Office, where she took on the daunting task of beginning the Alumni Association. Sister's teaching experience spanned a period of over 60 years, beginning at the elementary school level, working in Minnesota, Missouri, at Central Catholic, St. Ladislaus and at Cardinal Stritch, where she spent most of her 26 years teaching the concepts of science, physical science, chemistry and advanced chemistry. "Sister Florian's chemistry classes at Cardinal Stritch are still a major topic of conversation among many returning alumni," according to her induction tribute. Upon completion of her teaching assignment, Sister helped in the school office, working with school records, before using her diligent patience and persistence to locate and organize information on CSHS graduates for an alumni association.

Joseph DeCant - Class of 1996

Joseph DeCant was selected to receive special recognition for his achievements as valedictorian of his graduating class. While at Stritch, DeCant, who graduated with a 4.31 GPA, was a member of the National Honor Society, student council and the French Club. He received the BP Academic Excellence Award, the Purdue University Junior Scholar in Science Award and the Tandy Technology Award as Outstanding Student in math, science and computers. He attended Allegheny College majoring in environmental science.

1999 Inductees

James C. Intagliata

Jim Intagliata began his athletic career at Maumee High School (class of 1960). After graduation, he pursued his athletic interests playing softball, and serving as a licensed official for Ohio and Michigan High School football. His involvement at Cardinal Stritch began in 1977, when his son Kent was a sophomore and a member of the wrestling team. It was then that he began a 22-year stint as "Voice of the Cardinals," announcing wrestling meets, boys and girls basketball and eventually, football. He and his wife, Clara, have four children, all Stritch alumni. They are also credited with re-landscaping the

Pickle Road entrance to the school and in 1995, the Tammi Intagliata Bowman Entrance was dedicated in honor of their daughter. "One of the most honorable moments during my association with the Stritch Family was being able to act as master of ceremonies at the first-ever Hall of Fame dinner and Induction Ceremony in 1994," he said.

James A. Kubacki

A 1954 graduate of Macomber High School, Jim Kubacki was an accomplished basketball and baseball player. He went on to attend the University of Nebraska, where he was voted All-Conference Basketball and All-Conference in baseball. He received a signing bonus with the Brooklyn Dodgers his junior year, but declined the offer to complete his senior year, eventually earning a master's degree in physical education and administration. His association with Cardinal Stritch began in 1961 when he organized the entire athletic program for all sports, and coached them all as well. He hired and supervised head coaches and assistants, built locker room facilities, the running track, football and baseball fields, and purchased equipment, along with supervising fundraising and organizing the Booster organization. He is also credited with creating an "athletic code of conduct" book. His duties also included teaching health, physiology, physical education, science and driver's education. He left Stritch in 1991 to pursue other avenues. "Seeing boys and girls progress and develop is my great satisfaction," he was quoted as saying in the 1965 edition of "Existence."

David McDaniel - Class of 1965

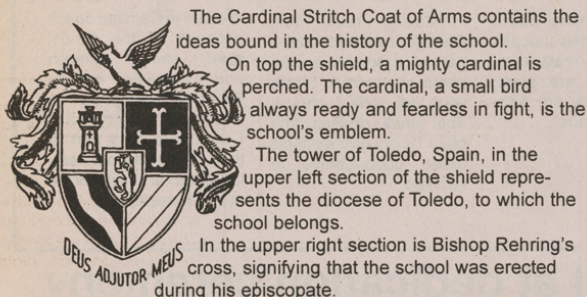
A member of the first graduating class in 1965, Dave McDaniel was involved in many aspects of high school life, spanning from the playing field to student government. Voted Athlete of the Year in 1963, he was a member of the football and wrestling teams, serving as co-captain of both during his junior and senior years. He was a member of the baseball team during his sophomore, junior and senior years. When the Varsity "S" Club was organized in 1964, he served as club secretary and was involved in choosing the design of the Varsity "S" sweater. He also served as sophomore class president and on the student council. He later attended The University of Toledo, where he was a member of the wrestling team. He is the father of two Cardinal Stritch graduates.

Tom "T.D." Talbott

Tom, "T.D." Talbott was the head wrestling coach at Cardinal Stritch from 1975 to 1983, and assistant football coach under Tom Greer from 1975 to 1980. As wrestling coach, his record was 86 wins, 10 losses and one tie, coaching his teams to seven Toledo City League Championships, eight sectional championships and six dis-

ds With Hall of Fame Membership

Cardinal Stritch High School Coat of Arms



Three red crosses, symbolizing the stigmata of St. Francis, for the Sylvania Franciscans who originally filled the greater part of Stritch's teaching staff, occupy the lower right section. The wavy line on the lower left side stands for the Maumee River.

The red lion in the center is Cardinal Stritch's insignia, and the words inscribed along the bottom in Latin are part of Cardinal Samuel Stritch's motto translated, "God is my helper."

strict championships. Of Cardinal Stritch, he was quoted as saying, "I felt it was a good educational place for our children, and a great place to be. The Stritch kids were great competitors and had super work ethics - they didn't like to lose, so we didn't lose too many too often."

Ron Zak

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Ron Zak was involved in many aspects of school and athletic life during his years of employment with Cardinal Stritch. He began his association with the school in the early 1960s. In 1963, he became a member of the coaching staff, coaching freshman football and basketball and assisting Jim Kubacki with the varsity football and track teams. He later became head boys basketball coach and head golf coach, and subsequently taught boys' business and government, business arithmetic and physical education, along with other subjects. He became athletic director at the start of the 1973-74 school year; and development director in 1986. He left the school to pursue other employment in 1990. He and his wife, Veronica, are the parents of three Cardinal Stritch graduates. "I entered the field of teaching because of a profound and sincere interest in young people," he said in the 1965 edition of "Existence."

Monsignor Michael J. Walz - Posthumous

In early 1960, Father Michael J. Walz was appointed by Bishop George J. Rehding to become the first principal of a new high school that would be built on the East Side of Toledo. At the school's groundbreaking, he told the assembled crowd, "You are standing in an open field where, in due time, a school will open its doors; you are standing on God's soil, where a school will be built for God's children." On September 6, 1961, Father Walz took on the official duties as founder and principal of Cardinal Stritch High School. His devotion and duty led Pope Paul IV to bestow upon him the rank of Monsignor in 1964. While principal at Stritch, he was responsible for helping the student body with many "firsts" including the selection of the school's class ring, planning and selecting the Coat of Arms, and naming the first school newspaper, "The Essence." He was also assigned as an assistant pastor at Good Shepherd Parish and as chaplain at Notre Dame Academy. In 1969, he left to become pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Tiffin. He died on November 13, 1969.

2000 Inductees

Sister Ann Carmen Barone, OSF

Sister Ann Carmen Barone began her many years at Cardinal Stritch in 1973. During her career there, she taught courses in the Religion and Music Departments. Choral music was her focus as the director of the Glee Club, Sacred Music Ensemble and the Off-Broadway Revue. She served

as a class moderator and student council moderator, was involved in liturgy planning and the folk group and was the faculty representative on the Champagne-Steak Dinner Committee. She also acted as the coordinator of Stritch's famed musical productions, including "Mame," "Oklahoma," "Brigadoon," "Damn Yankees," "Music Man," "South Pacific," "Carousel," "Good News," "Hello Dolly," "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Guys and Dolls." She left Stritch in 1984. In the 1983 edition of "Existence," she said, "See life as the beautiful miracle it is. Live each day sharing your potential for good. Make a difference. Dare to be different."

Clarence Carter - Class of 1985

Clarence Carter was active in sports while at Cardinal Stritch, participating on the track, basketball and football teams for four years. His activities also included serving as vice-president of his sophomore and junior classes, and involvement in Stritch's musical productions, and in the Sacred Music Ensemble. After graduation, he attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on a full athletic scholarship. He earned bachelor of arts degrees in speech communication and psychology and a master of science degree in rehabilitation counseling. Despite his busy schedule, he lectured regularly at area high schools on the importance of academics and maintaining a relationship with God.

He then went on to pursue a career in acting in Los Angeles, appearing under the name of Julius C. Carter. He appeared in the films "Courage Under Fire," "The Preacher's Wife," and "Fallen" and on television in "Good Behavior," "Sliders," and "NYPD Blue." He has also appeared in numerous commercials. "I most enjoy praying, laughing, loving and helping others," he said.

Tom Greer

Tom Greer became the head football coach at Cardinal Stritch in 1975, beginning his years there with a 1-8 season, and ending the 1976 season with a 5-1 City League record, making them Blue Division co-champions with St. John's. The record gave the team enough points to be first in the AA Northwestern Ohio Regional Computer Poll, and propelled them to the state playoffs for the first time in the school's history. In his second year at Stritch, Greer was named Northwestern Ohio Class AA Coach of the Year, and the AA State Coach of the Year. He also coached wrestling, baseball, girls basketball, was strength coach, and taught a variety of subjects. He left Stritch in 1980 to teach and coach at Tiffin Columbian. "My 'ups' are football, hunting and beating St. John's. The only thing that makes me down are kids in trouble," he said in the 1976 "Existence."

Marianne Herrick

A graduate of The University of Toledo,

Marianne Herrick taught physical education and health at Cardinal Stritch; coached girls basketball and track; and acted as sophomore class moderator. As a first-year coach for the 1974-75 season, she brought the Lady Cardinals to an 8-6 record and a fourth-place finish in the State Championship Invitational Tournament. During the 75-76 season, the team boasted a 13-5 overall record, and was sectional, district and regional champs and state semi-finalists. In 1978, they won the City League title with a 16-3-0 record; during the 1979 season, they posted a 17-5 record. "My 'up' is winning basketball games; my 'down' is Mondays," she said in the 1977 edition of "Existence." She left Stritch in 1979 to start a family.

Dr. Kirk Packo - Class of 1971

Kirk Packo was very involved as a student at Cardinal Stritch. Among his many activities were Camera, Science, Drama, Mission, Athletic, PP Model Rocketry and Varsity "S" clubs, the Quiz Bowl team and trainer for basketball, football, wrestling, track and baseball. His other activities included National Honor Society, class president in his sophomore, junior and senior years, and lead roles in the productions of "The Man Who Came to Dinner" and "Take Me Along." He was also presented the school's "Special Leadership Award." He went on to the University of Notre Dame, majoring in pre-medical studies and theater; attended medical school at St. Louis University; completed a medical internship and residency and developed a strong appreciation for the practice of retinal surgery. He eventually joined a group of retinal specialists, and became director of the Retinal Service at Rush Medical College in Ohio.

"Although my educational background has been quite a long road, I feel that some of the greatest skills and principles that influenced my entire career path were begun at Cardinal Stritch High School," he said. "The values, work ethic and morals that were offered to me at Cardinal Stritch will always be a part of my approach to my patients, family and work."

2001 Inductees

Ray and Bernadine Gargac

Ray and Bernadine Gargac have been active members of the Stritch family since 1966. One of their main areas of involvement was the school band. Beginning in 1971, eight of their children were members of the band. Mr. Gargac served as president of the Band Boosters several times; Mrs. Gargac served as secretary for several terms. Over the years, they took on several projects, including soundproofing the music room and renovating the uniform room. They were also instrumental in starting the drive for the Walz Wing, and took on the challenge of maintaining the old school bus for the band members.

The Gargacs are also credited with beginning the first Soccer Club; erecting the original Stritch marquee in 1970; maintaining equipment and appliances for the Sisters at the convent; framing graduation photos that grace the school's main hall; helping with class floats, scenery for drama productions; tracing and preserving murals created by Sister Jane Mary in the chapel and other volunteer activities.

They donated their time and efforts while raising 13 children, all of whom graduated from Stritch.

Robert Gunner

Bob Gunner's involvement with Cardinal Stritch began in the mid-1960s and continued through the early 1980s. During that time, he served as vice president, secretary and treasurer of the Cardinal Stritch Booster Club. He, along with fellow Hall of Fame inductee Bob Vincent and others, were instrumental in the growth of the club, which generated funds to support the schools' athletic programs. They devised numerous successful fundraisers, including "Cough Syrup" raffles during the Christmas season, horseshoe raffles, dances and Casino Nights. Gunner was also one of the original Cardinal Club members responsible for the design and idea of the "Stritch Booster Jacket" worn by booster members.

Gunner personally took tickets at football and basketball games for years, long after his own two children had graduated from Stritch. "We helped promote athletics by raising money for the things the school

couldn't afford... You saw the same faces at all the games, and there were certain people you could always count on and trust," he said.

Robert Vincent

During his many years of involvement at Cardinal Stritch, Bob Vincent served as president of the Booster Club, and is credited, along with fellow Hall of Fame member Bob Gunner and others with the club's growth and success. Both boys' and girls' athletic programs were helped through the club's many fundraising efforts. "We were comprised of a great bunch of working-class people," he said. "When you told them you needed something, they just went out and got it for you. I'll tell you what - hanging around those kids all the time helped to keep you young."

Vincent and his wife Rose have four children, all of whom attended Cardinal Stritch.

Robert Molnar

Bob Molnar holds the distinct honor of being the first student to enroll at Cardinal Stritch in 1961. During his years there, he was very active, serving on student council, as vice president of the Varsity "S" Club his senior year, and graduating 16th in his class of 197 students. He also ran track for one year, played football for two years, and was a member of the varsity baseball and basketball teams for three years. He went on to attend The University of Toledo, where he majored in physics and played freshman basketball and varsity baseball.

In 1971, he returned to his alma mater as an assistant coach with the Cardinal Stritch basketball program. Upon his selection, he said, "As a student and athlete, I was so busy I never realized the talents in our class. I'm so happy I could play a small role in our achievements. I'm proud to be a graduate of Cardinal Stritch High School, but much more, I'm proud to be a member of the class of 1965."

Sister Jane Mary Sorosiak, OSF

Sister Jane Mary, who was at Cardinal Stritch from 1961 through 1975, was responsible for the completion of many projects in the school, such as the copper repousse Stations of the Cross that hung in the original chapel; the chapel mural; and the musical sets, props and scenery for the drama productions and musicals. As head of the Art Department, she also taught classes in art, art history and humanities, and served as advisor to the Art Club, the Camera Club and directed the annual art exhibit of student works. Among her many creative projects are slide/lecture presentations, murals, stained glass window designs, posters, pamphlets, logos and illustrations, including the children's book, "The Pail of Nails," by Harriet May Savitz and K. Michael Syring.

Her philosophy: "I value my heritage, my faith, my vocation, my education, my talents, my teaching experiences, and most of all, the people along the way who have contributed to and helped shape these values. I believe that the talents I have been given should be cultivated and used for the glory of God through the service to others."

Timothy Yenrick - Class of 1981

During his years at Cardinal Stritch, Tim Yenrick was active in many school activities and organizations, including Student Council. He lettered in track and golf, served as a 1980 representative to Buckeye Boys State, and toured France and Europe for four weeks with the Stritch French Club. He went on to The University of Toledo, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in elementary and special education, and a master's degree in social foundations and theory.

He has worked for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo, the Lucas County Board of Mental Retardation and Disabilities, the Toledo Mental Health Center, and in 1989, at the age of 26, was appointed the director of the then debt ridden and faltering East Toledo Family Center. Over the years, the center has grown at its Varland Avenue location to include 10 satellite locations, and currently serves over 9,000 individuals a year, from infants to senior citizens. Yenrick describes his objective as, "to provide leadership in a human service organization with a primary responsibility to develop community services by securing resources and improving organizational effectiveness."



Jody Grzyzinski
Toledo
Senior

"I chose Cardinal Stritch High School because of its size. I know I am part of a family here and I love seeing all the familiar faces each day. With graduation coming soon, it is going to be extremely hard to leave the lasting friendships I've made here."



Steven Aranyosi
Toledo
Senior

"I chose Stritch because I wanted to go to a school that was small and Stritch was just that. You were able to meet everyone within a few days. The biggest advantage that comes with Stritch are the teachers and the students. Everyone gets along so well, and the teachers care for the students a lot."

OUR MAN IN THE HALLS



by J. Patrick Eaken

Question:

"Why did you choose to go to Cardinal Stritch?"



Jessica Ameling
Millbury
Junior

"I chose Cardinal Stritch because of the people. The teachers really care, the coaches are great, and I've made so many wonderful friends."



Delilah Nunez
Toledo
Senior

"Moving here from Chicago, I wanted to be a part of a smaller atmosphere, so choosing Stritch was the perfect choice. The small classes and great faculty give students better opportunities to succeed."



Doug DeStoover
Toledo
Junior

"I came to Cardinal Stritch because of the school spirit I saw at visitation and sporting events. Everyone seemed to be involved at the school and I wanted to be a part of that. Now that I am here, it's good to help recruit other students."

Bishop Rehring set sights for school at dedication ceremony

"Great expectations are held out for the Cardinal Stritch High School." With those words, Bishop George J. Rehring set the sights for the new Cardinal Stritch High School, when he dedicated the new building on November 12, 1961.

A newspaper photo of the dedication celebration showed student guide Diane Hrevnak showing off the new building to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hrevnak, of Lallendorf Road in Oregon. Little sister Sharon and brother Harry, dressed in their Sunday best, were also seen looking over the new building.

After blessing the building, the bishop addressed those gathered in the chapel.

"Like all Catholic high schools [Cardinal Stritch] will aim to give its students a complete, balanced secondary education, emphasizing academic subjects with reasonable attention to physical development, athletics and extra curricular activities," he said.

"So far as student ability warrants, it will concentrate on mathematics, natural sciences, English and foreign language courses that everyone realizes are not easy but necessary, more than ever, even mandatory, to meet the needs of our country's future citizens."

"Obviously, religion and moral training will receive constant attention, stressing as they do the eternal purpose of life, presenting the principles of right living, and thereby cultivating strong character. Religion and moral training are the only certain guarantees and bulwark of every man's God-given freedom and rights."

"We are convinced that a Catholic knowing and living up to his religion can never be other than a dutiful son or daughter, a desirable neighbor, a good citizen, law-abiding, dedicated to giving every person his due and treating every person with the respect and regard owing to his human dignity."

"The administration and staff of the school, imbued with the Catholic philosophy of education, will be guided by it in all their educational endeavors. Moreover, they will not lose sight of the influence they personally exert by their lives and therefore will strive to teach by example as well as by classroom techniques."

"It must never be forgotten that parents are the principal, as they are a child's first educators; theirs is the obligation and the right."

"According to his capacity, a child learns before he begins his formal schooling. And he continues to learn much from his home during all the years of his immaturity."

"There is where his moral training should start and continue. There he should receive his earliest lessons in the physical care of himself; there his



"Great expectations are held out for the Cardinal Stritch High School," Bishop George J. Rehring told those gathered at the dedication of the new Cardinal Stritch High School, on November 12, 1961.

intellectual formation should start, grow, extend, widen and deepen; there his religious instruction and training must be given by mother and father as earnest, intelligent, patient teachers."

"Another reminder seems to be in place here. Parents must keep in mind that they have not ended their role as teachers when they place their child in a school; their role goes on and on, certainly as long as the child is in his minorities and resides in the parental home."

"By keeping a child in a well-qualified school, they satisfy part of their responsibility, but not all; they remain responsible for the informal education of the child outside school hours, on free days and during vacation periods."

"Moreover, they must keep themselves informed about the teaching and the content of teaching, assuring themselves that it is sound and satisfactory in every respect."

"Finally, it is very important that the home support and cooperate with the school just as the school must cooperate with the educational ideals and processes of the home."

"Injudicious criticism of one by the other can easily result in harm to the children. Credence should not hastily be placed in children's accounts of school happenings, particularly when they seem to be reprehensible; teachers usually are eager to do their work in a perfect and faultless manner."

"They, of course, as well as parents can be wrong; even if the child may be reporting correctly, prudence suggests investigation at the source of complaint, admitting no wrong and repeating no accusation until the accused has been given sufficient opportunity to

answer questions and, if necessary, offer explanations."

"Too often it is overlooked that all factors entering into the education of the human person must know and fulfill their part. That holds true not only of parents and teachers, but also of every member of the community, individually and collectively so far as he exerts an influence on the child."

"A child is apt to pick up sometimes a word, an idea, a suggestion, a mannerism, from almost everyone he hears or sees. Certainly adults are aware of this fact, and should endeavor to act and to speak only in a way that can be beneficial to others - never in a way that is detrimental."

"Collectively, too, adults should positively promote a city and neighborhood that is wholesome physically, morally, religiously, intellectually, culturally, aesthetically, socially and economically. On the other hand, they should keep out or remove from the environment whatever is dangerous or harmful..."

"Parents blame teachers when they themselves are mainly at fault; teachers may put all the blame on parents where at least part of it is theirs. Again a matter of complaint, particularly in the case of students in their later years, may rest entirely with the blameworthy influence exerted by individuals or groups in the community."

"For no man is completely formed during his most impressionable years; he grows, develops, learns, forgets, advances, regresses and changes for better or worse as long as he can use or abuse freedom, and if he changes for the worse, generally he will have no one to blame more than himself."

"Catholic schoolmen should have every student deeply impressed with the unforgettable truth that he is not completely on his own; he is a very dependent creature. Without God, he is helpless and therefore has need of calling habitually for divine help. Without prayer, no adult can reach his heavenly destiny."

Furthermore, as he needs God, he needs the institution through which Christ our Divine Saviour teaches man, guides man and sanctifies man; he needs the Church of Christ."

"Though he should get the best, the most thorough, the most solid instruction and training that home, school and community can provide, occasionally and perhaps ultimately, he will fail if he rejects the aid of divine grace."

"This truth is so self-evident that one asks himself whether it should be mentioned on an occasion such as this. However, sad experience is the inexorable witness of man's fickleness. Man can learn, but he can also neglect and disregard all that he learns..."

"This high school is named for Cardinal Stritch, the second bishop of the Diocese of Toledo, who served as its chief shepherd for nine years from 1921 to 1930. It was while he was archbishop of Chicago in 1946 that he was raised to the cardinalate. He has left the imprint of his zeal for Catholic education in every part of the area; he founded Mary Manse College, several high schools and a number of elementary schools."

"His memory will remain and should be an inspiration to the staff and student body of the school that proudly bears his name. We had hoped that he might preside at this dedication. However...he was called from his earthly labors some three years ago, shortly after he had taken up an assignment as pro-secretary of the Propagation of the Faith in Rome."

"This high school, like all of our educational institutions, has been erected and is supported by the generosity of our Catholic people; it is a financial asset to the city and neighboring cities. It saves taxpayers more than a million dollars in building costs alone and will save them many thousands of dollars annually in its operation."

"But its greatest value to the communities it serves is its training of healthy, patriotic, loyal, law-abiding, God-fearing men and women. Obviously, its curriculum satisfies all the legal requirements of the Ohio Department of Education."

"On their part, our young people should maintain an awareness of the expectations they raise in our minds and in the minds of all our citizens; they must be resolved not to disappoint us."

Noted Graduates

Daniel Fitzpatrick
Class of 1975
President & CEO
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"I chose Cardinal Stritch because of the great things I heard. Stritch was the best choice for me because of the great one-on-one with the teachers."



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OUR MAN IN THE HALLS



by J. Patrick Eaken

Question:

"Why did you choose to go to Cardinal Stritch?"



Jessica Jaegley
Oregon
Sophomore

"When I went to open house at Cardinal Stritch, I found that the teachers and staff were very nice. I knew that this would be a very educational school because the staff and teachers were willing to help me. That is why I chose Cardinal Stritch."



Chad Rutkowski
Toledo
Sophomore

"The advantages of going to Cardinal Stritch High School are very widespread. There are few people that attend Stritch, but everybody knows everybody else. Another advantage is that the teachers are willing to spend time with you when you need help on any subject."



Cristin O'Brien
Toledo
Senior

"I chose to come to Cardinal Stritch because of the size. I like coming to a smaller school because I know everyone. I like that the classes are small because that gives the teachers an opportunity to help everyone."

Larger families join Cardinal Stritch family

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Though the Gargacs' are one of the largest families to send all their children to Cardinal Stritch, they aren't the only ones. In 1999, a directory of families with four or more graduating sib-

lings was published, 182 families were listed.

For any large family, daily finances can be an issue. Yet many families over the last forty years have chosen to send all their children to Cardinal Stritch.

For some, the cost had a surprising affect.

"I think paying tuition made us more aware of what was going on. We wanted to make sure we were getting our money's worth," said Louis Perlaky, father of seven Cardinal Stritch graduates.

To help with their tuition, the kids held jobs their junior and senior years.

"I think they gained responsibility from the experience," said Perlaky.

Students also were aware of the tuition's affect on the family.

"We made it clear that they couldn't go and fool around," said Gargac.

"Because of the parents sacrifice, I think there's a greater appreciation for

the experience," said Father Stites.

For some, the small class size was a draw.

"The teachers truly knew the kids and cared for them. They all got a sound education," said Elaine Raglow. She and her husband Dr. Paul Raglow put 8 children through Cardinal Stritch. "The kids participated in different sports. And the school put on wonderful plays. It really helped the kids' self-esteem."

David and Fran Boyd put 9 children through Cardinal Stritch. All of their children participated in school activities.

"They really had an opportunity to get involved in anything they wanted because of the size of the school. Maybe they didn't always get the lead, but they were able to take part."

The small class size not only enables students the opportunity to be involved in more activities, it contributes to the

family atmosphere the school provides.

"We see ourselves as a family. We support and maintain family values," says Father John Stites, Pastor and President of Cardinal Stritch.

It is a feeling shared by the parents too.

"The students knew each other. They were more than a name and face in a yearbook," said Fran Boyd.

"In public schools, some kids don't even know each other," said Perlaky.

The school also includes parents in the "family".

For ten years, Dr. Raglow served as the team physician before their own kids were old enough to go to high school.

"We knew the teachers and the priests before our children even attended. We met all our current friends through the school," said Elaine Raglow.

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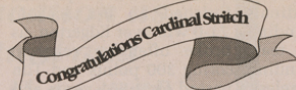
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Stritch-From The City League To The TAAC

By J. Patrick Eaken
Special to The Press

Sports at Cardinal Stritch have always been in transition. Outside from the wrestling program, which stayed stable over two and a half decades as one of the strongest and most consistent in the state, athletics have had their ups and downs.

The early era was one of promise. A new school and a new tradition were starting and the community was enthused. In 1964, the first year of varsity football with a senior class, the Cardinals showed they were ready to play with the big boys, finishing a 5-3-1 season. In the first varsity game, the Cardinals downed Sylvania, 22-16.

Bob Reynolds, a teacher at Stritch for 32 years, remembers a lot about those years because he was a student in the first class in 1961 that contained only freshmen. The school started with football, basketball, and baseball.

The early football teams played their games at Lake High School and the Lucas County Recreation Center where they used Mud Hen Stadium. Marty Vieth started the varsity program and was the first varsity coach.

Players who played football for Stritch in the early years include Bobby Flynn, an all Northwest Ohio quarterback, John Graher, an all NW Ohio defensive back, all state line-backer Tony Guerrero, Jim Emch and Marty Skeldon, who combined for 22 touchdowns in 1967, and Bill Kamelesky who threw for 413 yards in one game that same year.

The highlight of every season was the "Bird Cage Trophy", which went to the winner of the Clay-Stritch game every year and was also dubbed "The Oregon City Championship." Clay, with its powerful teams in the 60s and 70s dominated, winning about 60 per cent of the games. Stritch, however, did take four of the first six Bird Cage Trophies.

Stritch had always been an independent team with no league affiliation. Even though, during the early 70s, applications were in for three years to join the Northern Lakes League or Great Lakes League. They were consistently turned down as athletic director Vieth was quoted to say that "They haven't even given us a reply. They just don't want us."

On January 8, 1970, Cardinal Stritch was admitted to the Toledo City League, starting with most sports for the 1971 season. It brought a new era to Stritch athletics, which at first seemed to be a good development, but two decades later became a nightmare.

In 1973, Cardinal Stritch played in the Shoe Bowl, completing a 6-3 season, 5-1 in the Blue Division. They lost the Show Bowl 13-6 to Scott despite being a statistical winner. And, in



Shown above are Brian Reichow, left, a Stritch graduate playing with St. Francis College in Fort Wayne and his brother Rick, number 71, who played at Urbana College. The two faced off against each other on opposing lines recently. Also shown above is a Stritch graduate, number 59, Jesse Alfaro, who is playing at St. Francis. The three college athletes and Stritch graduates are flanked by their high school football coach and former Stritch mentor Bill Hrabak. Cardinal Stritch has become a mecca for college athletics.

Stritch athletes who have gone on to college athletics include four individuals who are currently at Ohio State, including two who are playing football, Aaron Mochon and Mike DeMaria.

Brandon Toler is running track, and Ryan Derr is wrestling. One of the more known college athletes to have played football at Stritch was Rick Koschalk, a middle line-backer in high school who went on to play nose-guard at the University of Michigan and for the San Francisco 49ers.

1978, Stritch completed a 9-1 season, finishing behind Bowsher in the division. The Rebels had won a 19-14 decision over Stritch in the final moments and thus earned the right to play in the Shoe Bowl classic.

"Stritch has met a need for the community all its own. This became known as the 'Stritch Family' and is still so today. I think part of that developed because we were a little school in a great big City League and you had to really pull together in order to compete," Reynolds said. Reynolds, still teaching there today, was cross country coach for 18 years and assistant wrestling and track coach.

By the early 90s, football teams had fought hard in the City League, with a few teams over .500, but it was clear that Cardinal Stritch couldn't provide the numbers and depth to compete with AAA and Division I schools. In 1995, Stritch joined the Toledo Area Athletic Conference.

In 1998, under coach Bill Hrabak, the Cardinals finished an 8-2 season, including a 71-0 win over Edgerton, as the team broke offensive records, including scoring 300 points and Tim Kamelesky passed for 1,661 yards and a finished a career 3,986 yards. The following year they were 10-2, competing for the playoffs for only the second time and winning the first TAAC football championship.

Other sports have seen their successes, too. Basketball teams struggled in the City League, but consistently fared well in tournament play year after year against smaller schools. The Cards even qualified for the regional tournament three times, and once nearly qualified for the state tournament despite losing seven games that season. They lost to AA power Willard in the regional final.

Girls sports fared better in City League play, at least in basketball, track, and volleyball. In 1985, the vol-

leyball team was 19-5, 11-3 in the city, 20-5 in 1986, 17-7 in '87, 17-6 in '88, and 21-2 in 1989, winning the city championship over Central Catholic, 15-11, 15-6.

Since joining the TAAC, Cardinal athletics has flourished. Kris Ensign got her 100th win as the girls volleyball team was 20-4 in 2000. In 1999, the golf team went to state, girls cross country and track has consistently gone to state or sent individuals as state qualifiers, breaking numerous records.

Baseball, which had few good years in city play, although consistently beating inner city schools Scott and Woodward, came into its own the last few years. In 1988, City League Player of the Year Jeff Brown led the city in pitching with an 0.88 ERA and a 9-1 record with 126 strikeouts and went on to play minor league baseball.



Mike Poddany

Class of: 1971

College: Owens Community

Occupation: Oregon Police Dept.

25 yrs., DARE Officer the last 13 yrs

Family: Wife-Shirley, Daughter-

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Monica Kelly Dansack

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College: University of Toledo, BA in

Communication

Occupation: Public Relations Coordinator

for Penta Career Center

Family: Husband-Michael P. Dansack Jr.

attorney, Monica is pursuing a master's

degree at the University of Toledo



Donald J. Kelly II

Class of: 1983

College: University of Toledo, BBA in

Business Administration University of

Pittsburgh, MBA in Marketing

Occupation: Marketing Manager for

Best Buy at home office in Eden Prairie,

Minnesota

Family: Lives in Minneapolis



Matthew J. Kelly

Class of: 1986

College: Ohio State University BA in

Journalism Franklin University MS in

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Development at Columbus State

Community College

Family: Lives in Grandview Heights, Ohio

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Tom Jaksetic
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City of Toledo
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One team and 11 individual state champs

Wrestling program was state powerhouse

By J. Patrick Eaken
Special to The Press

Cardinal Stritch was once considered one of the top wrestling schools in the state of Ohio and the country. It could be argued that for two decades it probably was the strongest small school wrestling program in the country.

"A lot has to do with the type of kids that came here from East Toledo, Genoa, and Oregon. Just tough kids," said longtime teacher and coach Bob Reynolds.

Stritch wrestling won eight city league championships, even though competing against the likes of Toledo St. Francis and St. John's. They were state runner-ups four times, won one Class AA state championship in 1985, and had 11 individual state champions. Even more spectacular was the fact that for each of 28 consecutive years at least one Stritch wrestler qualified for the state tournament.

The team consistently pulled together undefeated dual seasons, losing only occasionally to other powerful schools and competing against City League teams. For many years, the Cards were dueling

against the likes of Bedford and Lakewood St. Edwards. Gymnasiums would often be sold out when Stritch wrestled the likes of these schools.

In 1982, the Cardinals posted an 11-0 dual season, defeating Bedford, who was Class A (big school) state champions in Michigan that same year. Stritch was runner-up in the state in 1982, finishing second behind Bedford Channel 100.5 to 95.5.

The first individual state champion was Pat Curley in 1967, who won 20 consecutive matches and won the state final with a pin.

Stritch went on to a team championship in 1985 as four seniors and two juniors qualified for the state tournament. There were no individual championships, but the Cardinals tallied a total of 83 points to lead all other teams in Ohio.

Dave Wlodarz (138, 34-3) and Dave Diaber (185, 29-6) were state runner-ups, Aaron Peters (145, 34-3) and Eric Schultz (175, 32-3) were third, and Chris Bowlick (112, 22-12) finished sixth. They were led by first year coach Paul Elzey, a 1965 state champ at St. Francis.

Cardinal State Wrestling Champions

1966	Pat Curley. Curley had 20 game win streak and won the title with a pin.
1971	Jim Bergman. Cards were AA state runner-up
1973	Paul Luther. Cards were second in AA in again.
1974	Paul Luther, 155, 2nd straight win.
1975	Brian Haynes, 32-0-1
1976	Terry Reeves, Hwt., 22-6-1
1977	Dave Talbott, 138. Team sent 7 to state
1978	Jim Derr, 126. 3rd consecutive year qualified.
1983	Fred Ackerman, 32-0-1
1984	Jim Reindel, 119, 33-1
1985	Team, AA State Champion
1987	Scott Zapadka, 98, 30-3

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tive July 1, 1997. Father Stites then appointed Timothy Mahoney as the first lay (non-religious) principal in the school's history. The pair remain in those roles today.

Four decades after he first walked the halls, Monsignor Walz's philosophy of the high school as "Stritch Family" has remained the cornerstone of the school's operation.

"We have maintained our same basic mission, but we've grown and changed along the way," said Father Stites.

Today, Cardinal Stritch serves about 320 students. Father Stites said one of Cardinal Stritch's biggest assets is its smaller size, which he believes "contributes toward a family atmosphere."

"The smaller size affords us to have smaller class sizes, and allows the faculty to get to know the students," he said. "In recent years, we've had many second-generation students. Having been here a number of years, I know many of these kids' parents, and aunts and uncles — and they know I know them."

Because Cardinal Stritch does not have the same limitations that public schools may have, Father Stites said school officials "can be very clear about the values and morals we expect, and we can address these issues as they come up."

"We are also fortunate to have very high parental involvement," he added.

Families...

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Ryan Adkins

Class of: 2000

Occupation: US Coast Guard

Family: Mom-Holly, Grandparents-Cecil & Liz Adkins, Aunt Sue, Uncle Mike & Family, Best Friend Stephanie



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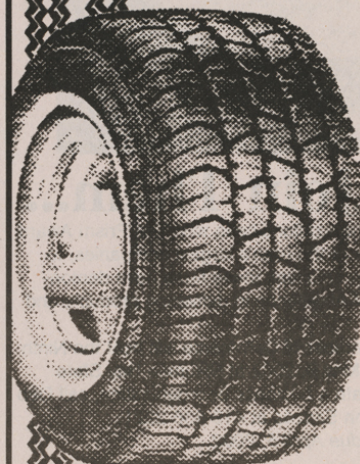
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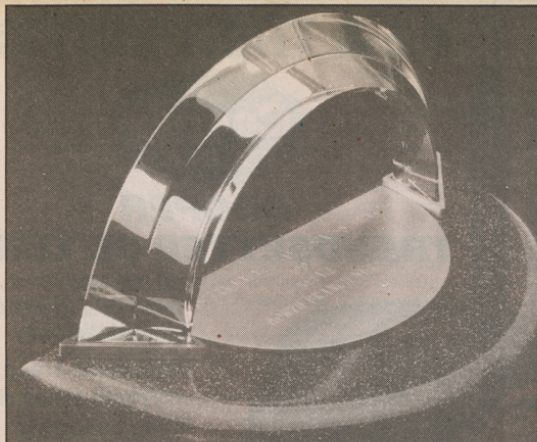
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